

In re Application of: Dukor et al.
Serial Number: 09/996,205

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 15, 2003 imposed a restriction requirement. Specifically, the Office Action divided the 27 originally filed claims into three groups: Group I with claims 1-16, Group II with claims 17-24, and Group III with claims 25-27.

In response, applicants have elected to prosecute claims 1-16 in Group I. The non-elected claims 17-27 are canceled with the intent to pursue them in divisional applications.

Conclusion:

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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